



# THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 14**  
9:00-Noon

**Follow the Ballot Tour – Filled!**  
Yavapai County Administration Building

**April 20**  
4:00 p.m.

**LWVCYC Happy Hour at the County Seat Restaurant**  
See below.

**April 22**  
8:30-2:30

**Earth Day – “Water is Life”**  
See page 2. Please volunteer!

**May 6**  
10:00 – Noon

**LWVCYC Annual Meeting – The Monday Club**  
1306 Stetson Road, Prescott (Annual Packet sent April 6)

**May 19-20**

**LWVAZ Convention in Cottonwood**  
See info on pages 3 - 7

## JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR



Enter through Spice  
Traveler and walk  
upstairs. There is an  
elevator, too!

4:00 p.m.  
at the  
County Seat Restaurant

Come visit with other League  
members!

**The 2023 53rd Anniversary Earth Day Celebration  
will be held on  
Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00am - 2:00pm  
on Cortez St. in downtown Prescott, Arizona  
#PrescottEarthDay #EarthDay2023**

**The LWVCYC will have a booth at the event, and we'll need volunteers to man/woman the booth. We'll provide voter registration opportunities, elected official guides, and important dates for the upcoming election in Prescott and share our LWVCYC Water Public Policy and the LWVAZ Water Public Policy.**

**Please contact Loraine West @ [Loraine\\_west@yahoo.com](mailto:Loraine_west@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer a couple hours. Here are the time slots:**

**8:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Setting up the booth.  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Taking down the booth.**

**THE LWVCYC ANNUAL MEETING**

**Will be held at the Monday Club on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – Noon  
1306 Stetson Road, Prescott**

The City of Prescott acknowledged International Women's Day by recognizing the Monday Club by saying it's no exaggeration to claim that if it weren't for strong women throughout Prescott's history, we would not have the community we do today!

Of course, we know about incredible women such as Viola Jimulia: America's First Chieftess; Sharlot Hall; Grace Sparks and Grace Chapman. But not that many people give credit to the Monday Club - a group of ladies that were known for "civilizing Prescott".

In 1895, a group of "educated wives of the politicians" desired to make Prescott more civilized. They began a group called, "Prescott Women's Club" but, not wanting it to be assumed they were solely focused on women's suffrage, they changed the name to the Monday Club. One of the initial acts of the Monday Club was to persuade the city to pass an ordinance prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks - which also had the added benefit of slowing the spread of tuberculosis. That task completed, they turned to starting a local library. As their membership grew to about 79, each member was required to donate one or more books for the cause. Fundraisers and entertainment would have as a price the donation of a donated book. In one evening, they netted 400 books! Finally, they opened a small library in the basement of the Bank of Arizona building. Showing foresight by insuring their collection, when the great fire of 1900 swept through, they were able to collect \$1800 for their lost books. A letter sent by Julia Goldwater to Andrew Carnegie brought a pledge of \$4000 if the community would raise matching funds.

According to Prescott, AZ History Blogspot, "The undaunted women stormed ahead with great vigor. Money was raised "with teas, entertainments, lectures and dances." Husbands were drafted into the service, shaking-down Whiskey Row patrons for donations. This went on for three years until, finally, a total of \$6000 was raised locally, giving the library a sizable \$10,000 budget."

The new Carnegie Library - the first in Arizona! - was built on the corner of Marina and Gurley Streets, and opened on November 24th, 1903, serving until 1974, when the library moved to its current spot at 215 E. Goodwin Street. The original building is still standing, and now houses office suites.

Read more about the Monday Club at: <https://prescottazhistory.blogspot.com/.../the-women-who...>



## League of Women Voters of Arizona **2023 STATE CONVENTION**

**May 20 and May 21 2023**  
**Cottonwood, Arizona**

**Riverfront Wastewater Reclamation Facility, 1083 East Riverfront  
Road, Cottonwood, Arizona 86326**

The 2023 LWVAZ Convention convenes Saturday, May 20, at 9 am and adjourns on Sunday, May 21 at 1:30 pm, hosted by the League of Women Voters of Arizona. The Convention will be entirely in person in Cottonwood, Arizona. The League of Women Voters of Northern Arizona has generously offered to act as local host and is organizing the local logistics and events in Cottonwood, Arizona.

All League members are invited to attend, whether as a local league delegate or not. LWV OF Northern Arizona (LWVNAZ) is arranging great food, live music at both lunch and dinner on Saturday, and a Sunday morning walk and talk by the river at Dead Horse Ranch State Park.

This year's theme is The Climate and Environment. Joan Meiners, the Climate News and Storytelling Reporter at The Arizona Republic, is moderating a panel discussion on Saturday with four topics: water, heat, natural resources/public lands, and environmental justice. The panel so far includes representatives from the Global Futures Laboratory at ASU, the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation for the City of Phoenix, and the Sierra Club. On Sunday a Youth Panel will share their concerns for the future.

LWVCYC has the capacity to have 4 delegates to the convention. Please let us know soon if you're interested in attending. It's a great way to meet other members in the state, and to learn more about the League – and its right over the hill!

## Registration Fees: \$150.

The Registration fee covers all meals from the May 20 start of convention to May 21 adjournment.

Meals provided at the convention are: *continental breakfasts and lunches on both days and dinner on Saturday.*

Registration fees are nonrefundable. They can be transferred to another registrant.

## Register Today

### LODGING

We urge all members who plan to attend the convention to reserve hotel rooms as soon as possible. The rates for hotels will increase dramatically during the summer. Cottonwood and all the northern towns are prime summer holiday locations for those sweltering in the heat down south.

The Convention will be hosted at  
Riverfront Wastewater Reclamation Facility, 1083 East Riverfront Road, Cottonwood,  
Arizona 86326

[Click here to find lodging information in Cottonwood Arizona](#)

### Proposed Proposals for the State Convention



This is the proposed Water Policy for LWVAZ – it will be voted on at the State Convention.

[https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/1.03.01\\_final\\_policy\\_draft\\_for\\_discussion.docx.pdf](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/1.03.01_final_policy_draft_for_discussion.docx.pdf)

Please email [lwvcyc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcyc@gmail.com) with your agreement with this new policy.

In order for the concurrence proposal for Medical Aid in Dying to be voted upon at the State Convention, all members must weigh in on whether they agree or disagree with the proposal on the next page: Please read it over, and email [lwvcyc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcyc@gmail.com) with your agree or disagree.

# LWVAZ Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Concurrence Proposal Report

## Statement of Purpose

The LWVAZ MAID Concurrence Proposal Committee (“the Committee”) proposes a concurrence with the LWV Utah’s position on medical aid in dying (MAID). LWV Utah completed an in-depth study and formed a position on this important topic in 2016.

The LWV Utah position is simply stated in two sentences:

- The League of Women Voters of Utah believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed clinician to end one’s life.
- The League of Women Voters of Utah believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel.

The LWV Arizona position would be:

- a. The League of Women Voters of Arizona believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed clinician to end one’s life.
- b. The League of Women Voters of Arizona believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel.

Having a position on MAID would enable LWVAZ to educate Arizona voters and speak on the topic when a bill is introduced in the Arizona legislative session.

## Background

All Arizona citizens have a right to the same end-of-life options that are now available to those living in ten states plus the District of Columbia. Medical aid in dying (MAID), also known as death with dignity, is about patient rights and an individual’s right to make their own end-of-life medical decisions.

The MAID laws are based on the “Oregon Model”, which includes detailed qualifications and safeguards that protect the patient, their loved ones and all the healthcare professionals involved in end-of-life care.

Detailed MAID bills proposed in Arizona include the following parameters:

- ◇ Patients must be deemed to be mentally capable adults over 18 years of age.
- ◇ They must be terminally ill with a prognosis of less than six months or less to live.
- ◇ These conditions are confirmed in the medical record by two doctors: an attending and consulting physician.
- ◇ The patient must be able to self-administer the medication which is prescribed by a compound pharmacy, if and when they choose.

Safeguards in the law include documenting the process in the medical records, waiting periods, oral and written requests, and mental health evaluations where necessary.

## Policy Positions and the Concurrence Process

The strength of the League lies in connecting our community to local government to shape policy reforms. League advocacy stems directly from the position statements we adopt as an organization. Those position statements are designed to reflect our values and priorities.

At least three other state Leagues – New Mexico (2017), New York (2018) and Maryland (2019) -- have adopted the LWV Utah position on MAID by concurrence.

A concurrence vs. a two-year study to develop a position statement is warranted since the issue is easily understood by the membership and new research would be redundant. The purpose of the concurrence process

is to make the work of the League more efficient and effective by allowing state and local Leagues to benefit from the work of other Leagues in studying policy issues and developing position statements.

In addition to the Utah Study of 2016, LWVAZ published research in November 2013 entitled: “End of Life Choices: LWVAZ White Paper, Considering End of Life Choices – the Oregon Model.” The principal author, Margot Champagne, is an attorney still active in LWV and remains current on the topic. The reason for the White Paper in 2013 was the “high level of interest with many League members and a sudden wave of legislative activity across the country.”

The committee recognizes the Utah Study and the LWVAZ White Paper provide a broad and solid basis for LWVAZ advocacy and education on this issue.

**Empowerment of League Work in Arizona:** Adoption of the LWV Utah position on MAID will allow local Leagues in Arizona to educate our members about these issues and lobby Arizona legislators for a clear MAID law based on the time-tested, patient-oriented Oregon Model.

**Committee Efforts to Inform and Educate Members:** The Committee included League members representing all five local leagues. Prior to the formation of the Concurrence Committee, a 90-minute Voter Education Program hosted by LWVGT entitled “Medical Aid in Dying: Issues and Perspectives” was presented in September 2021. The panel consisted of the legislator in New Mexico who was their bill sponsor, the executive director of Maine Death With Dignity who helped pass the law in Maine, one of the authors of the LWVAZ White Paper and a lobbyist from Phoenix representing “Not Dead Yet” as the voice of the opposition. A lively Q&A followed the panel presentation. It was well-attended and additionally has been viewed over 100 times on the LWVGT YouTube channel. In part, the positive reaction of the League members inspired the formation of the Concurrence Committee.

**The following actions were carried out after the formation of the Committee:**

- Two statewide 90-minute Zoom meetings for educational purposes were held on January 21, 2023 and February 21, 2023. These were attended by League members throughout the state and resulted in robust discussions and Q&A. All attendees were also provided copies of the Utah 2016 Study, the LWVAZ White Paper of 2013 and copies of the PowerPoint presentation.
- An email was sent to all board members of all AZ local boards as well the AZ state board that included information on the proposed concurrence, the Utah position and all of the supporting documentation, along with an invitation to the Zoom meetings and an offer to speak at any League meetings and answer any questions.

### **Updated Statistics**

When the White Paper was published in 2013, only four states had legalized MAID: Oregon (1997), Washington (2008), Montana (2009 through their Montana Supreme Court), and Vermont (2013). Now an additional six states plus Washington, D.C. have passed MAID through legislation or ballot initiative: California (2016), Colorado (2017), D.C. (2017), Hawaii (2018), New Jersey (2019), Maine (2019) and New Mexico (2021).

Nationwide, there are about a dozen states each year that propose MAID legislation, Arizona among them. Since 2003, Arizona has proposed a MAID bill nine times in the Arizona Senate and thirteen times in the Arizona House of Representatives. Not once has the bill advanced out of committee for a floor vote. Bills have been sponsored and co-sponsored by legislators throughout the state.

An AARP/National Geographic nationwide poll in June 2022 showed 65% agreed that MAID should be a legal option. This strong support was shown across a wide range of demographics. Only 18% of respondents disagreed that MAID should be a legal option and the balance were not sure of their stance. This demonstrates a large swath of the public is not educated on this topic.

In Arizona, a poll was done in January 2022 by OH Predictive Insights of 855 registered voters and 60% strongly or somewhat agreed that MAID should be an end-of-life option. Surprisingly, 25% were “unsure” or responded “don’t know” about their stance on MAID.

## VISIT THE PHIPPEN MUSEUM FOR THIS EXHIBIT!

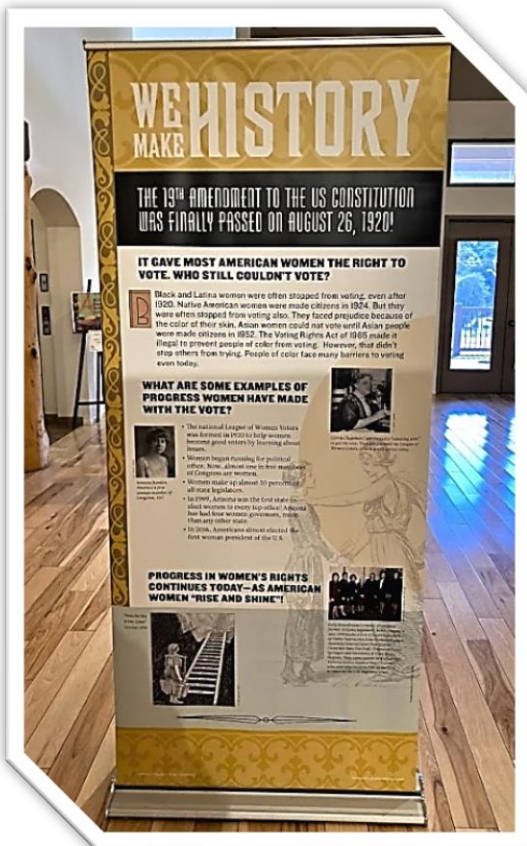


### Unbridled Spirit: Pioneering Women in Art

March 18th through June 25th, 2023 in the Marley Gallery

To celebrate National Women's Month, the Phippen Museum is opening an exhibition representing a broad overview of artwork by women artists who lived and worked in the Southwest during the first half of the 20th century.

Not only did these artists teach and write about art; they illustrated books and were well-respected for their skill and talent. Each of these women artists possessed an independent spirit that allowed them to rise above the standards and social constraints of the time to carve a path for themselves in fine art.





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**Voting Members**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60/yr Individual Membership                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Associate/ Friend of the League
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90/yr Household Membership                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to our local League operations

Local League membership dues and donations are **not** tax deductible. Your support helps our Voter Service and local program activities! Please include this form with your check(s).

**Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund and Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund.** Make check out to LWVAZ Education fund with notation as to where it is to be used. Contributions to 501 (c) 3 funds are tax deductible and must be made by **separate check** to preserve tax deductibility. Thank You

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You may also make donations to the Education Funds through PayPal by following the donation link on our website: LWVCYC.org

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Membership / Renewal form (06/30/2022)

**Thank you for your Membership!**